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Proclaiming March 19, 2023 as Kashubian Unity Day in Los Angeles County

Los Angeles County (County) is home to a rich diversity of peoples and cultures from across the globe. Learning about a culture's history, food, and folklore are one of life's special pleasures. In that spirit, the County would like to shine a spotlight on the Kashubians from Poland.

The Kashubes are a relatively small ethnic minority who today live in north central Poland along the coast of the Baltic Sea. They speak a distinctive Slavic language and have a unique culture. The area was controlled for many decades by the Prussians and later by Communists, both of whom worked to suppress Kashubian language and culture. Since the fall of the Soviet Union, Kashubian language and culture are enjoying a renaissance.

Kashubian Unity Day is an annual festival celebrated every March 19 to commemorate the first historical written mention of Kashubians, in Pope Gregory IX's Bull of March 19, 1238. In this Bull, the Pope made reference to Prince Bogislaw I, Duke of Kashubia, thereby acknowledging the ancient presence of the Kashubian people in northern Poland. This historical reference has become a source of pride to the Kashubian community.

I, THEREFORE, MOVE that the Board of Supervisors proclaim March 19, 2023 as Kashubian Unity Day in Los Angeles County and encourage residents to learn more about Kashubian culture and folklore.

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